Imposition of fine on Telecom Companies

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of fine imposed by Government on various telecom companies from January, 2007 till date and the reasons therefor;

(b) the amount of fine deposited in the treasury of Government, so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government for the recovery of fine?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) No fine has been imposed by the Government on Telecom Companies since January, 2007 till date. However, a total of 242 show cause notices were issued during this year for various types of violations to the concerned service providers. Replies received from them are under examination. Necessary action will be taken as per the terms and conditions of License Agreement after following due procedure.

Complaints of corruption against SECL

*112. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of complaints of corruption against South Eastern Coalfields Limited Company (SECL) and more than Rs. 25,000 Crores are involved in this scam; and

(b) if so, the findings in this regard and Government's reaction thereto, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) The number of corruption complaints against officials of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) received during the last three years were as under:

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total
09	35	07	51

However, there was no complaint received alleging a scam of Rs. 25,000 crore.

Whenever complaints are received, they are verified and after due investigation, wherever the allegations are substantiated, appropriate action is taken.

During the last three years, the number of officials penalized were as follows:

2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
Major Penalty	Minor Penalty	Major Penalty	Minor Penalty	Major Penalty	Minor Penalty
08	06	17	05	-nil-	-nil-

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